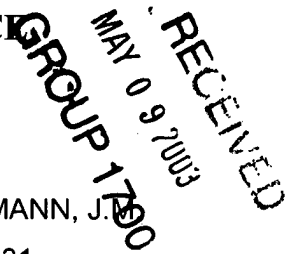


IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: KLINER, et al. )  
 Serial Number: 09/778,329 )  
 Filed: 02/06/01 )  
 FOR: PROFORM FOR PRODUCING )  
 AN OPTICAL FIBER AND METHOD )  
 THEREFOR )  
 Attorney Docket Number: SD-8317 )

Examiner: HOFFMANN, J.M.  
 Group Art Unit: 1731

Commissioner for Patents  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 5, 2003

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Applicants, through their representative, respectfully submit the following response, amendment and remarks as responsive to the Office Action mailed 02/05/2003 (Paper No. 10) in application serial number 09/778,329. Applicants' representative submits the following amendments and requests reconsideration of the claims now presented.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Original claims 1 – 59 and were subject to a requirement for restriction under 37 C.F.R. §1.142. The Group comprising claims 1 – 51 was elected and claims 52 – 59 were withdrawn and canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 – 51 are pending in the present application.

**Please cancel original claims 1 – 13, 28, 29, 33, 39, 41, 46 and 47 without prejudice.**

As permitted by 37 CFR §1.121(c), Applicants respectfully request that claims 14, 17 – 18, 21, 34, 40, 42, 49 and 51 be amended by rewriting the claims. The requested amendments, which include all additions, deletions, and modifications to the claims, are shown in a separate section of accompanying pages, included herewith as an attachment to this response, entitled "Amendments to the CLAIMS".